(b) whether Mr. Pressler also culled Clinton Adiminisrrattion's attitude towards the future of Pressler Amendment ambigous, particularly in view of U.S. Assistant Secretay of State Ms. Robin Raphel's recent statement that the, Pressler Amendment is an obstacle to good relations of the U.S. with Pakistan; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS {SHRI R. L BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have noted that, fol lowing opposition from US Congress ional quarters, the revised draft of the Foreign Assistane Act, now renamed as Peace, Prosperity and Democacy Act of 1994, sent by the US Administration to the US ongress,, retains the Presler Am endment. In the first draft the US Ad ministration had proposed repealing this Amendment.

Government have conveyed their con-oem on several occasions about the effect on India's security environment of the transfer of frontline weapon systems from the US to Pakistan. Government remain alert to further developments in this regard and are committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's national interest.

US think thank's meeting wita Indian intellectuals

2285. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJ-RAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRs be. pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that- an Influential US Think Tank led by Mr. Robert Mc Namara has recently visited India to discuss the implications of NPT with some leading intellevttuals here; and

(b) if so, whether the discussions have suggested a new approach?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government have seen press reports giving a gis:- of the discussions purported to have taken place.

Pakistan waging a proxy was against India

2286. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BHANOARE: Will the Minis ter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have any plan of coming out with a White Paper on the low cost proxy war waged by Pakistan agaicst India by inspiring, aid ing training and funding the militants in Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): This proposal is not under the consideration of the Government of India. However. Government have and will continue to appise the interntional community of the factual position regarding Pakistan's involvement with terrorism directed against India.

Consular treaty between India and China

2287. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

la) whether China has ratified the Capsular Treaty between the two count-ries. on establishing consulates at Bombay and Sanghai;

(h) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Goveroinent have received any information in this regard from China; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) India and .China signed. the Agreement on the Re-establishment of Consulate General at

Bombay and Shanghai on 13 December. 1991 in 'New Delhi. The Agreement came into force the date of its Signalsre

(b) Aeiing out of this. Agreement, the Chinese Cousulate General in Bombay was formaily inaugurated on Decmber, 7, 1992 and the Indian Consulate General in Shaaghai was formally inaugurated on January 16, 1993.

(c) and (d) Does not arise,

Defand kaskimr Campaign by INCA

2283. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state-

(a) whether the Indian National (Congress of America (INCA) has lately spearheaded a campaign named "Defend Kashmir campaign" in the US, in reply to recent Pakistani propaganda unleashed by Pak-Prime Minister, pointing out that most of the disturbances in Kashmir were attributable to Pakistan's deliberate instigations; and

(b) if so. what is Government's reaction thereto, by Way of lending support to the campaign by the INCA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and answer will be laid on the Table of the House at the earliest.

Kitniption front Visa Requirement

2089. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA- Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ments of India and Pakistan had taken a joint decision to exempt curtain cate gories of people in both the countries from visa requirements for visiting each other's country;

(b) if so, what are the categories which have been so exempted and whether Members of Parliament have also been included in the said categories;

(c) whether Government propose to include the Members of Parliament in this category, if the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the said decision as at (a) above has already been implemented; and

(e) if not, what progress has been made in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L BHATIA): (a) to (2) The India-Pakistan Visa Agreement of 1974 does not exempt any category of people in both the countries from visa requirements for visiting each other's country. However, under the SAARC Visa Exemption Endorstment Facility which has been operational since March 1, 1992, Members of the National Parliaments. Judges of the Supreme Court and Heads of Centrally-alded National Academic Institutions, thair accompaning spouses and dtpeoden children below the age of 18 years are entitled to visa-free travel within the SAARC region after getting a visa exemption sticker affixed on their passports. The India-Pakistan Visa Agreement is being amended accordingly.

Assault on Indians living in Kuwait

2290. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spurt in assaults and attacks on Indians living in Kuwait recently;

(b) whether it is also *a* fact that the so-called I. K. Human Rights movement held a seminar in support of Kashmir separatists there; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Gov-ernment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTRARNAL] AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L BHATIA): (a) Some inci-denls of assau'it on Indian nationals in